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SUBJ: OJT FOR ADDF SEA WING

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1. DCM CALLED OCT 18 ON COL MUHAMMAD NABIL, COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE (NOTE THIS IS PROPER NAME VICE SEA WING WHICH WE HAVE USED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES), TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF OJT ABOARD MIDEASTFOR SHIPS AND SPECIFICALLY POSSIBLE PROGRAM WITH USS VALDEZ. WHILE IDEA OBVIOUSLY CAME AT HIM OUT OF BLUE (HE KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT A SHIP COMING ON OCT 27 AND THAT WAS ALL), COL NABIL'S REACTION WAS ENTHUSIASTIC. IN SHORT, IF WE CAN WORK OUT DETAILS IN FEW DAYS REMAINING, OJT FOR NAVAL FORCE (NF) PERSONNEL ON BOARD VALDEZ WILL PROCEED AS PER REF B.

2. COL NABIL HAS STATED THAT HE WILL SEND PATROL BOAT TO SHARJAH WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICER TO MEET WITH COMMANDER VALDEZ PROBABLY OCT 22 (WHEN MOST OF CEREMONIAL EXCHANGES THERE WILL BE OVER). SUGGEST WE SHOULD ESTABLISH SPECIFIC TIME FOR SUCH MEETING MORING OCT 22 AT WHICH EMBOFF WILL ALSO PLAN TO BE PRESENT.

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3. COL NABIL WILL MAKE SELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEN TO

PARTICIPATE (HE NOTED THAT EXCEPT FOR WORK LOAD AND AGE HE WOULD LIKE TO GO HIMSELF) AS SOON AS WE TELL HIM HOW MANY CAN BE ACCOMMODATED (WE MENTIONED FIGURES OF 6 OFFICER AND 12 ENLISTED MEN AS PER REF B, BUT SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO GET SPECIFIC NUMBERS NOW THAT TRAINING GOING AHEAD). COL NABIL SAID THAT ALL WOULD SPEAK ENGLISH. RE NF'S SELECTION, NABIL ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY LIMITATIONS ON SPECIALITIES OF OFFICERS OR ENLISTED MEN. DCM SAID HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE UP TO NF WITH OPTION TO SELECT DIFFERENT SPECIALITIES ON NEXT OJT PROGRAM. NABIL AND HIS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, CMDR. TARIQ, WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED, INDICATED THAT NF MIGHT NOT COME UP WITH AS MANY AS 6 AND 12 ON SHORT NOTICE AND WE FEEL CERTAIN WILL BE NO PROBLEM IF IT SEEMS ADVISABLE TO SET LOWER LIMIT FOR THIS FIRST CRUISE.

4. RE LOGISTICS, WE HAVE AGREED WITH NF THAT ON OCT 27 IT PREFERABLE IF VALDEZ SIMPLY ANCHORS OFFSHORE WITH EXCHANGE BEING MADE BY SMALL CRAFT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT STRIKES US THAT IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA FOR CMDR PEDEN TO COME ASHORE OCT 27 FOR BRIEF CALL ON COL NABIL. ON OCT 31, COL NABIL EXPRESSED WISH THAT VALDEZ COULD SPEND SUFFICIENT TIME IN PORT SO THAT NF MIGHT AT LEAST HOST LUNCHEON. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GOOD GESTURE TO ACCEPT IF CONSISTENT VALDEZ'S COMMITMENTS, IF SUCH STAY DOES TAKE PLACE, WILL OFFSHORE ANCHORAGE BE SATISFACTORY? NOTE: WHILE REQUEST FOR BERTH CAN BE MADE, GIVEN CURRENT PORT CONGESTION, IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE EASIER IF VALDEZ COULD STAY AT SEA, USING NF CRAFT TO BRING PERSONNEL TO SHORE.

5. ADMIN DETAILS: DCM NOTED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT FOOD WOULD BE PROVIDED ON BOARD, BUT THAT CHARGE WOULD BE MADE. (HE NOTED AS PER COMIDEASTFOR 241331Z MAY 75 THAT THIS WAS ONLY COST INVOLVED.) CMDR TARIQ ASKED FOR INFO ON HOW MEAL COSTS WOULD BE PAID--E.G. IN CASH ON BOARD? IN ONE LUMP SUM AT END? HE ALSO NOTED, AS YOU OF COURSE AWARE, THAT HAM WOULD BE TABOO. CMDR TARIQ ASKED ABOUT OTHER HOUSEKEEPING REQUIREMENTS--E.G. WOULD NF PERSONNEL BE EXPECTED BRING BEDDING. DCM NOTED THAT NUMBER OF THESE POINTS COULD BE WORKED OUT DURING SHARJAH LIAISON, BUT PROMISED MAKE INQUIRY IN ADVANCE AS WELL.
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6. COMMENT: WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT OJT PROGRAM IS GOING FORWARD SO WELL, BUT REGRET SHORT NOTICE WE GIVING YOU AND VALDEZ. NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THIS COULD BE MOST USEFUL EXERCISE, NOT ONLY THIS VISIT, BUT IN TERMS OF LONGER-TERM RELATIONS WITH ADDF WHICH WE MOST INTERESTED IN FOSTERING. THEREFORE, WE TRUST, EVEN WITH SHORT FUSE, OJT ABOARD VALDEZ CAN GO AHEAD.

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